

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A contribution processing device comprising:

a receiving means for unit configured to receiving image data receive over a network from a predetermined server content data for displaying a web page, said web page configured to display a user contribution icon including a contribution button configured to be selected to indicate that a contribution is to be given of content which is supplied from a content providing device over a network;

a display control means for unit configured to control displaying a content display screen, said content display screen having a given configured to display the contribution icon and the contribution button displayed thereon, based on said image data received by said receiving means;

a contribution acceptance unit configured to provide an indication of an acceptance of the contribution from a registered user without a subsequent request for information regarding how payment is going to be made;

a contribution data creating unit configured to means for creating create contribution data equivalent that corresponds to a given amount corresponding to said of the contribution button when after the contribution button is selected on said content display screen; and

a transmitting unit configured to means for transmitting transmit said contribution data created by said contribution data creating unit means to said content providing a contribution managing device over said network.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The contribution processing device according to Claim 1, wherein

said contribution data creating ~~means~~ unit is configured to displays a contribution amount selection screen showing a plurality of amounts on said display means in response to the selection of said contribution button, and to creates said contribution data corresponding to said amount selected on said contribution amount selection screen.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The contribution processing device according to Claim 1, wherein

said contribution data creating ~~means~~ unit is configured to creates said contribution data equivalent to an amount which is directly entered in a contribution amount input area corresponding to said contribution button when the contribution button is selected.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The contribution processing device according to Claim 1, wherein

said contribution data creating data ~~means~~ unit is configured to changes an amount directly entered in a contribution amount input area corresponding to said contribution button by the amount more than a fixed minimum amount, according to user's operations when the contribution button is selected, and to creates said contribution data equivalent to the changed amount.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A contribution processing method, comprising:

~~a receiving step of receiving image data over a network from a predetermined server~~
content data for displaying a web page, said web page configured to display a user contribution icon including a contribution button configured to be selected to indicate that a

contribution is to be given ~~of content supplied from a content providing device over a network;~~

~~a display step of displaying a content display screen having a given~~ displaying the contribution icon and the contribution button displayed thereon, based on said image data received at said receiving step;

providing an indication of an acceptance of the contribution from a registered user without a subsequent request for information regarding how payment is going to be made;

~~a contribution data creating step of creating contribution data equivalent that corresponds to a given amount corresponding to said~~ of the contribution button when after the contribution button is selected on said content display screen; and

~~a transmitting step for transmitting said created contribution data created at said contribution data creating step to said content providing~~ a contribution managing device over said network.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The contribution processing method according to Claim 5, wherein said ~~contribution data creating step is to~~ comprises:

displaying a contribution amount selection screen which displays ~~displaying~~ a plurality of amounts in response to the selection of said contribution button[[,]]; and ~~to create~~ creating said contribution data equivalent to said amount selected on said contribution amount selection screen.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The contribution processing method according to Claim 5, wherein said ~~contribution data creating step is to~~ comprises:

~~creating~~ ~~create~~ said contribution data equivalent to an amount which is directly entered in a contribution amount input area corresponding to said contribution button when the contribution button is selected.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The contribution processing method according to Claim 5, wherein said ~~contribution data creating step is to~~ comprises:

changing ~~change~~ an amount directly entered in a contribution amount input area corresponding to said contribution button by the amount more than a fixed minimum amount, according to user's operations when the contribution button is selected[[,]]; and ~~to create~~ creating said contribution data equivalent to the changed amount.

Claims 9-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium to make an information processing device execute a program, wherein

said program ~~comprises~~ performs the function of:

~~a receiving step of receiving image data over a network from a predetermined server~~ content data for displaying a web page, said web page configured to display a user contribution icon including a contribution button configured to be selected to indicate that a contribution is to be given ~~of content supplied from a content providing device over a network;~~

~~a display step of displaying a content display screen having a given~~ displaying the contribution icon and the contribution button displayed thereon, based on said image data received at said receiving step;

providing an indication of an acceptance of the contribution from a registered user without a subsequent request for information regarding how payment is going to be made;

~~a contribution data creating step of creating contribution data equivalent that~~
corresponds to a given amount ~~corresponding to said~~ of the contribution button ~~when after~~ the contribution button is selected on said content display screen; and

~~a transmitting step for transmitting said created~~ contribution data ~~created at said~~
~~contribution data creating step to said content~~ providing a contribution managing device over said network.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The program storage medium according to Claim 13, wherein said ~~contribution data creating step is to~~ comprises:

displaying a contribution amount selection screen which displays ~~displaying~~ a plurality of amounts in response to the selection of said contribution button~~[[,]]~~; and ~~to create~~
creating said contribution data equivalent to said amount selected on said contribution amount selection screen.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The program storage medium according to Claim 13, wherein said ~~contribution data creating step is to~~ comprises:

creating ~~create~~ said contribution data equivalent to an amount which is directly entered in a contribution amount input area corresponding to said contribution button when the contribution button is selected.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The program storage medium according to Claim 13, wherein said ~~contribution data creating step is to~~ comprises:

changing ~~change~~ an amount directly entered in a contribution amount input area corresponding to said contribution button by the amount more than a fixed minimum amount, according to user's operations when the contribution button is selected[[,]]; and ~~to create~~ creating said contribution data equivalent to the changed amount.

Claims 17-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The contribution processing device according to Claim 1,

wherein said contribution data is added to user information corresponding to a user who provides said content, and a service charge for supplying said content is charged to said user information.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The contribution processing method according to Claim 5,

wherein said contribution data is added to user information corresponding to a user who provides said content, and a service charge for supplying said content is charged to said user information.

Claims 26-29 (Canceled).

Claim 30 (New): The contribution processing device according to Claim 1, wherein said predetermined server comprises the contribution managing device.

Claim 31 (New): The contribution processing device according to Claim 1, wherein

at least a part of said amount of contribution includes an amount of electronic money.

Claim 32 (New): The contribution processing device according to Claim 1, wherein
at least a part of said amount of contribution includes an amount of points if the user
as a contributor is a registered user on a service, and

the content provider provides the content to other apparatus including the contribution
managing device via the service.

Claim 33 (New): A contribution processing system comprising:
a computer-based apparatus configured to transmit over a network a web page, said
web page configured to display a user contribution icon including a contribution button
configured to be selected to indicate that a contribution is to be given;

said apparatus including,

a contribution amount identification mechanism permitting a contribution amount
identified at a user terminal to be selected or entered not lower than a fixed minimum
amount,

a display manager configured to provide display information to the user terminal for
confirmation of the contribution amount,

a contribution acceptance unit configured to provide an indication of an acceptance of
the contribution from a registered user without a subsequent request for information
regarding how payment is going to be made; and

a contribution processor configured to apportion said contribution amount to include a
service charge, and send an acknowledgement to the user terminal for the contribution
amount.